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SUBJECT: CEAO MINISTERS MEETING

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1. MINISTERS FROM SIX CEAO MEMBERS STATES (UPPER VOLTAN, IVORY COAST, NIGER, SENEGAL, MALI, AND MAURITANIA) HELD FIRST FORMAL SESSION IN OUAGADOUGOU MARCH 7-8. NIGERIEN MINISTER GANA PRESIDED.

2. DELEGATES AGREED ON COMMON NOMENCLATURE AND DOCUMENTATION TO BE USED FOR CUSTOMS AND STATISTICS PURPOSES, APPROVED STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CEAO SECRETARIAT (EACH MEMBER STATE WILL HAVE REP-

RESENTATION), AND APPROVED FORMAT FOR DOSSIERS BY WHICH MANUFACTURERS IN MEMBER STATES WILL REQUEST PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. UNDER PROTOCOL AGREED ON IN APRIL, 1973, PRODUCTS RECEIVING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO "REGIONAL COOPERATION TAX." PROCEEDS OF WHICH GO TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (FUNDS COMMUNAUTAIRE DE DEVELOPPEMENT).

3. MINISTERS MANDATED SECRETARY-GENERAL FALL TO INITIATE TALKS WITH ENTENTE LIVESTOCK COMMUNITY ON POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING.

4. FINAL COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT MINISTERS HAD ADOPTED COMMON POSITION VIS A VIS COMMUNITE DES ETATS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST (CEDEAO) FOR NEXT ROUND OF MINISTERIAL TALKS SCHEDULED IN NIAMEY (DATE NOT YET SET). DETAILS OF COMMON POSITION WERE NOT ANNOUNCED. HOWEVER, OPENING SESSION SPEECH BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA (DELIVERED BY FINANCE MINISTER GARANGO) MENTIONED PROBLEMS POSED BY TOGO/NIGERIA INITIATIVE FOR CREATION CEDEAO. NOTING THAT CEAO CONSTITUTION SPECIFIES THAT CEAO IS OPEN TO ALL WEST AFRICAN STATES, SPEECH SUGGESTS THAT NON-MEMBER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD REQUEST TO ADHERE TO CEAO, SPECIFYING WHATEVER CHANGES THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN CEAO TREATY FOR THIS PURPOSE, INSTEAD OF ASKING CEAO MEMBERS TO ABANDON AN EXISTING ORGANIZATION TO JOIN ANOTHER WHICH WOULD IN THE END BE BASED ON SAME PRINCIPLES.

4. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WAS PRECEDED BY MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS AND STATISTICS FEB 25-26. CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR END OF 1974. BULLEN

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